PLACEMENT NAME:
New York State Supreme Court Chambers, Hon. George B. Ceresia, Jr., Supreme Court Justice

1) A brief statement about your office generally (e.g., mission, jurisdiction, size, nature of practice, etc.)

New York State Supreme Court is a trial level court of general jurisdiction. In Upstate New York Supreme Court Justices are generally assigned civil cases including tort actions (personal injury, defamation, trespass, conversion etc.), divorces, contract actions, real property actions, actions for declaratory and/or injunctive relief, and various other civil actions and proceedings. Currently, Judge Ceresia’s caseload is comprised predominantly of actions to foreclose a mortgage and CPLR Article 78 proceedings. The Judge’s staff includes a Law Clerk and Secretary.

2) A description of the experiences law students are likely to have at your office, including the types tasks a student may perform.

Student interns are typically assigned tasks of reviewing motion papers, drafting correspondence to attorneys, research of civil legal questions, checking citations, preparation of legal memoranda, and providing assistance in drafting decisions. Where the opportunity presents itself, the student intern is encouraged to sit in on conferences presided over by the Judge, and observe oral argument of motions or proceedings. Under the supervision of the Judge’s Law Clerk, the intern may be requested to brief the Judge with respect to the issues in a particular motion or proceeding.